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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Thomas GRIFFITH et al.

Application No.: 09/930,288

Filed: August 16, 2001

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR INTERFACING WIRED/WIRELESS HYBRID SYSTEMS

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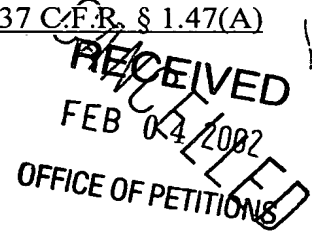
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Docket No.: 108214

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(A)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:



Further to the Response to the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) mailed on December 4, 2001, in view of the below remarks, as well as the attachments to this Request, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Petition.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the January 31, 2002 telephonic interview with Petitions Attorney Wood. The points discussed are incorporated into the following remarks.

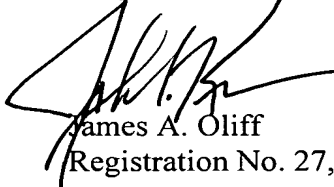
Regarding proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the Oath or Declaration after having been presented with the Application papers as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)(1), Applicant's submit a second certified mail letter dated January 3, 2002 addressed to Mr. Van Rafelghem. As indicated in the letter, U.S. Patent Application 09/930,288 (attorney docket No. 108214) is properly identified and enclosed, along with a revised Declaration indicating Mr. Van Rafelghem's home address. Further, we include a

delivery confirmation from the U.S. Postal Service that the certified letter was delivered to Mr. Van Rafelghem on January 19, 2002. Additionally, the delivery confirmation was signed by Mr. Van Rafelghem. Accordingly, Applicant's respectfully submit that adequate proof has been provided under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)(1), and respectfully requests that the Petition be granted.

Further, Applicant's submit a second Declaration showing the mailing address of Mr. Van Rafelghem as the address at which he customarily receives his mail. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the Petition is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)(2), and again respectfully request that the Petition be granted.

Should the Petition's Attorney believe that anything further would be necessary in order to grant this Petition, the Petition's Attorney is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

New Declaration
January 3, 2002 letter to Mr. Van Rafelghem
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/930,288
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Dear Mr. Van Rafelghem:

Please find a copy of U.S. Patent Application 09/930,288 entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR INTERFACING WIRED/WIRELESS HYBRID SYSTEMS". The Application includes a specification having claims and drawings. Furthermore, a Declaration is enclosed.

Please carefully review the draft Application for technical accuracy and completeness. Also, if you are aware of any prior art (patents, publications or public use, offers for sale or sales) not discussed to date that is material to the Application, please inform us so that we can present this information to the Patent Office for consideration.

Because your name must be on the subject Application, we would like you to review the Application and other documents that we have given you and to execute them. As you know, by signing the standard Avtec Employee Confidentiality and Inventions Disclosure Agreement, you agreed to execute patent applications and other related legal documents and to assist us, at our request and expense, in any proper manner in obtaining and enforcing our patents. We expect you to honor your Agreement.

While we trust that you will honor your commitments and execute the documents, if you are still unwilling to sign them, please indicate your decision by signing this letter and returning it to me so that we will have a written record that we can provide to the United States Patent and Trademark Office to explain why your signature does not appear on this Application.

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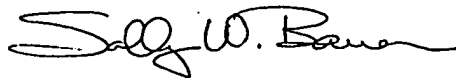
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I have included a pre-paid envelope that you can use to return the executed Application or a copy of this letter depending on how you decide to proceed.

In the interim, if you would like to discuss this matter, again, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Sally W. Bauer
Director of Contracts

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Enclosures:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/930,288
Declaration

I elect not to execute Patent Application No. 09/930,288; Docket No. 108214:
"METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR INTERFACING WIRED/WIRELESS HYBRID
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Stephan Van Rafelghem

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